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Forty-seven Straight
The Wilkinson Era at Oklahoma
Told by His Players and by Harold Keith
Their winning record of the 1950s may stand forever, the 47 victories of a string of University of Oklahoma football players and their coach, Bud Wilkinson. The authors of this glorious account are 61 of the Sooner players Bud coached, brought together in interviews with Harold Keith, the OU sports publicist and author, who saw every Wilkinson game. $19.95

The Ranchers
A Book of Generations
By Stan Steiner
This contemporary book about the beliefs and survival techniques of Westerners who have turned enduring myths into modern reality combines the past and present. The ranchers describe in their own words how succeeding generations have survived on their original homesteads, taking the reader into the minds and hearts of these fascinating family storytellers. Illustrations. $8.95 paperback

Eskimo Year
By George Miksch Sutton
Foreword by David Parmalee
Written by one of the world’s most noted and loved ornithologists following a year-long visit to a remote region of the Arctic, this book vibrates with Sutton’s great enthusiasm as he acquaints his readers with the land, its flora and fauna and the problems of survival in the dramatic seasonal changes of weather. Illustrated with 24 of Sutton’s incomparable pen-and-ink drawings and 48 photographs, Eskimo Year is now returned to print for the author’s many admirers and for naturalists and armchair travelers everywhere. $14.95
A Field Guide to American Windmills

By T. Lindsay Baker

This fascinating guide to America's windmills, enhanced with 376 illustrations, is both a complete history of turbine-wheel mills and an identification guide to the 112 most common models which still dot the landscape today. With this reference, a traveler or enthusiast crossing the plains and prairies of North America can identify virtually every farm-style windmill that can be seen through a good pair of binoculars. Many of the photographs are of windmills located in Oklahoma and Texas.

$65.00

Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps

By Sandra Dallas

Photographs by Kendal Atchison

Lavishly illustrated and written to inform and entertain the general reader, this book will delight armchair adventurers as well as vacationers interested in visiting the sites of old Colorado ghost towns. The histories of 147 Colorado boom towns are traced from their births in strike-it-rich excitement, when the cry of "Gold!" or "Silver!" sent many prospectors scurrying to remote, often inhospitable locations, to the glittering boom years, through the declines, to the present day. In addition to those by Atchison and early historical photographs, rare photographs from the 1920s and 1930s are included, many never published before.

$24.95

The Grizzly in the Southwest Documentary of an Extinction

By David E. Brown

The grizzly, a vanishing breed that has been hunted, trapped and poisoned almost into extinction, is described in this lively yet historically accurate account. The personal stories of those who knew the grizzlies that once prowled the Southwest's mountains and canyons are presented along with the accounts of hunters and the administrators of wildlife-management agencies. Included are primary sources and photographs published here for the first time. 49 illustrations, 4 maps.

$19.95

Colorado Ghost Towns

By David E. Brown

Illustrations, maps.

$9.95 paperback

Westering Man

The Life of Joseph Walker

By Bil Gilbert

Joseph Walker (1798-1876) had probably the longest and most distinguished career of any frontiersman in American history. The first biography of this great frontier hero is based on years of research and many previously unpublished and neglected sources. It gives a rousing and authoritative picture of Walker—his pioneering heritage, his many accomplishments and his exceptional personality. "Endlessly fascinating...this book is more than a biography." —Washington Post. Illustrations.

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